

MISSOURI CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ROLL CALL

Cold Case results in Homicide Conviction

Hard work and persistence closes a 10 year old homicide investigation.



Detective Robb

A murder suspect, identified by Missouri City Police Cold Case Detectives, was sentenced to 50 years in prison and fined \$10,000 at the conclusion of his murder trial on February 8, 2013.

A jury found Richard Mendoza guilty of the murder of Missouri City



Detective Tippit

resident Christopher Daigle after the weeklong trial in the 400th District Court of Fort Bend County. The investigation began as a missing person investigation more than

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*"Take the time to do today what others won't.
Live and prosper tomorrow like they cannot."
- Unknown*

Monthly Patrol Activity

During the month of January/February officers were very busy responding to many assorted calls and crimes. In February The Missouri City Police Department officers....

- Responded to 6852 calls for service
- Arrested 117 individuals
- Issued 789 traffic cites
- Arrested 9 impaired drivers

MCPD Again Partners with the DEA Prescription Drug "Take Back" Event

The Missouri City Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs from 10 AM to 2 PM April 27, 2013. The community is encouraged to drop-off unwanted medications at the Missouri City Police Department 3849 Cartwright Road. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last October, Citizens across the nation turned in 487,318 pounds (243 tons) of prescription drugs at over 5,600 drop-off sites operated by the DEA and the 4,300 state and local law enforcement agencies who collaborated with the DEA. In its five previous "Take Back" events, the DEA and its partners took in over 2 million pounds – nearly 1,000 tons – of pills.

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MCPD at St. Lawrence Catholic Church



Community Liaison Officer Kelly with students during Children's Safety Day

Children's Safety Day is an annual event held by St. Lawrence Catholic Church Day School to teach safety practices to their students. On Friday, February 8, 2013, Community Liaison Officer Evett Kelly and Patrol Officer Sonny McClamrock discussed safety with the students and teachers during the second day of the two-day event. This is the 8th year Missouri City Police Officers have taught safety practices and this continues to be a great way for our police officers to give back to the community, while educating youngsters about safety. Stacey Slaughter of St. Lawrence School sent a warm thank you to our folks: "Great job. The children really enjoyed your visit."



Salvage or Not???

MCPD and Jury Send Message about Dangerous Vehicles

Some of you are aware of Salvage Titled Vehicles - vehicles designated by the insurance companies and the State of Texas as dangerous vehicles are not allowed for use on a public roadway, for any reason. Detective Michael Hebert recently testified before a City of Missouri City Municipal Court jury regarding a citation he issued to a person operating a vehicle with a salvage title when he served as a Traffic Enforcement Officer. Motorists and/or auto dealers frequently attach a DEALER PAPER TAG to a "Salvage Titled Vehicle" and drive it on public roadways without regard for their own safety or the safety of others with whom they share the road.

In this instance, Detective Hebert stopped the vehicle on South Main Street going 76 MPH in the 55 MPH zone, and upon checking the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) discovered it was a Salvage Title and impounded it.

Misuse or Unauthorized use of a Dealer Paper Tag is a Class "C" misdemeanor with a State of Texas fine range of \$50 - \$5000 and may be tripled by the court up to \$15,000.

The jury fined the driver of the vehicle \$4000 for speeding and for jeopardizing their lives by driving a dangerous vehicle on the road, a record setting amount for a traffic fine in the City of Missouri City Municipal Court.

Cold case continued....

After a few years, the missing person case went "cold" and the original case detective retired. In early 2009, Detective(s) Brad Tippit and Craig Weathers were tasked by Chief Fitzgerald to reinvestigate the case. Upon Detective Weathers' retirement, Tippit and Andy Robb were given the "cold case," and began to uncover avenues of investigation that otherwise may have gone unexplored.

The creation of the first "Cold Case" unit was a new and successful chapter in Missouri City Police Department history. The "Cold Case" detectives are on the cusp of possibly solving another missing person case that dates back to the 1980's and are gaining greater insight into a multiple homicide that took place just after the new millennium.

Drug Take back program Continued...

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, citizens are being advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines such as flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash poses potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after the first event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the U.S. Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. The DEA is drafting regulations to implement the Act. Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like the Missouri City Police Department and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

SERVICE, PRIDE & COMMITMENT



MCPD Service Mentions

Sgt. Englishbee - 17 yrs

Inv. M. Pait - 10 yrs

T. Slusser - 13 yrs

EA B. Collins - 2 yrs

TCO M. Phoenix - 2 yrs



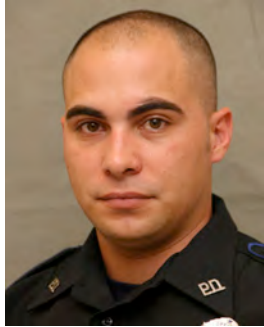
Suggestions / Comments

If you would like to contribute information or have comments for the monthly newsletter please make your submissions to jmclellan@missouricitytx.gov by the 5th day of each month.

Missouri City Police Department

Promotions & New Officers

Officer Peter Alvarado earned a promotion to the rank of Sergeant on February 10, 2013.



Sergeant Alvarado began his career with the Missouri City Police Department in November 2007 and came to our department with 5 years of experience having served with the Rice University Police Department, Matagorda County Sheriff's Office and the Edna Police Department. During the past several months Peter served as a member of the Patrol Division's Power Shift, a unit designated to target identified crime hot spots, supplement patrol shortages, and assist the

other three police divisions as directed. Sergeant Alvarado is now assigned to Squad A-Night Shift Patrol.

Compliance Supervisor Jay McClellan promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 11, 2013. Jay began his career with the Missouri City Police Department April 15, 2007. Before, coming to Missouri City, Sergeant McClellan worked for the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department for almost 5 years. Jay will be leaving the Police Department's Administrative Division, where he has served as the Department's Compliance Supervisor. One of his primary responsibilities was providing direct oversight of the Texas Police Chief's Recognition Program. Jay was instrumental in the implementation and training of all 94 sworn officers on the use of the OSSI computer system, and once the total implementation and training is complete, he will be assigned command of a patrol squad in the Patrol Division.



Officer Michael Bukowski began his civilian police career on February 10, 2013 as a Police Officer. He is currently working in a sixteen-week field-training program



where he will face the challenge of applying the training he learned while in the academy to the "real world". Officer Bukowski served in the United States Air Force for 20 years where he was attached to the CID Division as an investigator. After retiring from the Air Force, Michael worked for Home Depot and Wal-Mart as an Assistant Manager while attending the police academy to obtain his TCLEOSE License. Michael is married with one son.

K-9 Officer "Dasty" nears Retirement

Missouri City Police Canine Officer "Dasty," a Labrador Retriever born in Czechoslovakia, emigrated to the United States through his sponsor, World Wide Canine, in 2003. Dasty was acquired by MCPD in 2007 and immediately became our K-9 Officer after we acquired a grant from Kroger and Milk Bone Dog Biscuits Inc.

Dasty has done an outstanding job during his years of service for the citizens of Missouri City and surrounding areas; he has been directly responsible for the following illegal drug and

money seizures.

107 pounds of Marijuana
346.2 ounces of Cocaine
700 Illegal Pills
\$35,000.00 in Currency

Dasty was also eager to assist other law enforcement agencies when called upon, including Sugar Land, Stafford, Richmond, Arcola, Harris County Pct 7 Constables Office, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the East Fort Bend County SWAT Team.



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It is better to possess a skill and not need it than to need a skill and not possess it. - Unknown

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MOMENTS OF PRAISE

Dear Chief Fitzgerald,

I want to commend Detective **(Terry) Patrick** to you. Today I was at the dentist's office, driving my husband's new Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck because my car is in the shop. I pulled into the parking space at a very awkward angle, not being used to that big vehicle. When it was time to leave, I was afraid to back out because I was so close to the car next to me. Lucky for me, I was checking out at the dentist's at the same time as Detective Patrick, and he agreed to help me. He came with me to the parking lot and easily backed the truck out for me, with no scrapes of either vehicle. He did a great job and was very polite and accommodating.

Congratulations on having such a fine man in your department. What he did was above and beyond the call of duty, and I really appreciate it. If my husband knew, he would appreciate it even more!

Pat Dyson